

Brazoria

Austin

Texas,

April 8th

1897

TO THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL,

STATE OF TEXAS:

SIR:

I have the honor to request that I be appointed as a Special Ranger to serve the State without pay, and subject to the orders and authority of the Adjutant-General's Office.

Age Forty Color of hair light black
Height Five feet & ten inches Color of eyes light blue
Where born Brazoria Co Texas Complexion fair
State of _____ Occupation Inspector of State Penitentiaries
Are you sober and temperate in your habits? Yes
Have you ever been convicted of any crime? No

(Signature.)

Wharton Bates

OATH.

(To be executed before proper authority.)

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a member of the Frontier Battalion until my resignation is accepted, or I am discharged, according to the best of my skill and ability, and agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State. So help me God.

(Signature.)

Wharton Bates

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

8th

day of

April

A. D. 1897

[SEAL.]

C. H. Sebold
Notary Public in & for
Travis Co. Tex

We do hereby recommend the appointment asked for above, and vouch for the good character of the applicant.

(Signature.)

(Signature.)

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Application for appt
as special Ranger

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L.S. J. Rogers Apr 9 97